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SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. THE FOLLOWING TEXTS OF RECENT STATEMENTS CONCERNING CUBA MADE BY PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER ARE BEING FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

2. (FROM AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT BY PIERRE SALINGER FOR THE FRENCH NEWS MAGAZINE L'EXPRESS, RELEASED JUNE 14.)

MR. SALINGER: ONE OF THE SETTINGS THAT COMES UP A LOT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES AND CUBA. DO YOU SEE ANY POSSIBILITY THAT THOSE WILL BE NORMALIZED THIS YEAR?

THE PRESIDENT: I SEE NO PROSPECT AT THE PRESENT TIME BECAUSE THERE HAS BEEN NO APPARENT CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE OF MR- CASTRO. UNTIL THERE IS SOME REAL CHANGE ON THE PART OF CUBA TOWARD THE UNITED STATES, I DON'T SEE WHERE WE WILL MAKE ANY CHANGE IN OUR OWN ATTITUDE TOWARD THEM.

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MR. SALINGER: AND IF THE OAS VOTED LATER THIS YEAR TO CUT

OFF THE BOYCOTT OF CUBAN GOODS, WOULD THE UNITED STATES GO  
ALONG WITH THAT DECISION?

THE PRESIDENT: IF THAT DECISION WERE MADE BY THE OAS, IT  
HAS NO IMPACT ON OUR OWN DECISION TO CONTINUE THE BOYCOTT  
BY THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR ATTITUDE IS THAT WE WILL  
CONTINUE THE BOYCOTT BY THE UNITED STATES UNTIL THERE IS  
SOME CHANGE IN POLICY BY CUBA TOWARD THE UNITED STATES.

3. (FROM A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION HELD BY THE  
SECRETARY AT A LUNCHEON GIVEN BY THE PUBLIC BROADCASTING  
SERVICE, JUNE 16.)

QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER  
POSITIVE STEPS THAT CASTRO WOULD HAVE TO TAKE BEFORE THE  
U.S. STARTED TO CHANGE OUR POLICY TOWARDS CUBA?

SECRETARY KISSINGER: WE HAVE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD  
RESPOND TO THE POSITIVE MOVES THAT CASTRO MIGHT TAKE.  
AND HE HAS RECENTLY MODERATED THE TONE OF CUBAN PROPAGANDA  
AND EVEN TAKEN SOME LIMITED STEPS. I DON'T WANT TO GIVE  
A PRECISE LIST OF OUR REQUIREMENTS, BECAUSE I THINK WE  
SHOULD DISCUSS THOSE FIRST THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS.

BUT WE ARE PREPARED TO RECIPROCATATE CUBAN MOVES, AND WE  
DO NOT CONSIDER THAT AN ANIMOISTY TOWARDS CUBA IS AN  
ESSENTIAL ASPECT OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. KISSINGER

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